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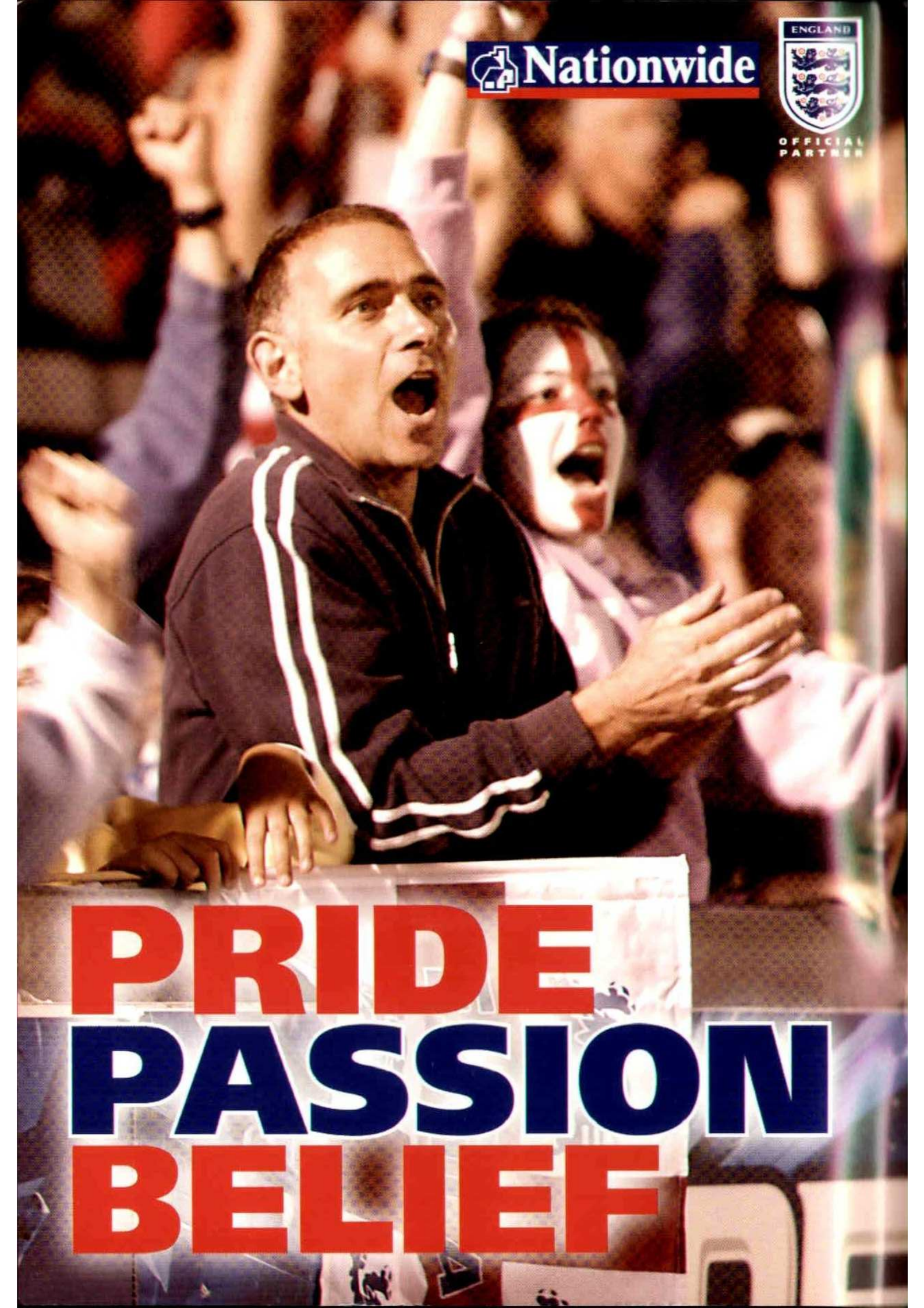
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Being ready for the arrival of Elton John at the Swindon Bank end of the ground will be the most important job to complete before the stadium is re-opened.

Elton John is set to perform at the Swindon Bank end of the ground on Saturday night. The Swindon Football Club is currently in the process of re-opening the stadium after a period of closure. The club is looking forward to the arrival of Elton John, who is one of the most successful musicians in the world. The club is currently in the process of re-opening the stadium after a period of closure. The club is looking forward to the arrival of Elton John, who is one of the most successful musicians in the world.



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After one away win, an LDV victory and a previous attempt to play our home encounter with Bristol City thwarted by international call-ups - the big game has finally arrived.

City at home is one of the most eagerly anticipated fixtures of the season and after Saturday's game with Walsall, everyone at the club is looking forward to this evening's contest. After taking three points

at Ashton Gate earlier in the season I am sure the Town players will be looking to complete a creditable double tonight.

This Saturday sees us visit the KC Stadium for the very first time. If you cannot make the trip remember to visit Swindontownfc.co.uk to read a full match report and reaction first after the game. Enjoy the match...

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Latest News

Reeves takes on Assistant role...Scoreboard Installation Delayed...‘Super’ Sammy presents awards...Lulu to appear at The County Ground.

Reeves Steps Up

Swindon Town have confirmed that Alan Reeves has been appointed as Assistant Manager until the end of the season.

Reeves has been Reserve Team Boss this season and has also assisted with first team coaching duties. Youth Team Manager Ian Woan

will also be assisting with first team coaching duties, but will also continue in his role as Youth Team Manager.

“It took us by surprise in the way that Mick left but at this stage there have been no thoughts as to where we will look after the end of the season, it is not something I have looked at yet. There is now an opportunity for

Reevesy and Woany to step up and become more involved.

“Whilst it is sad to see Mick go, I think it is a good appointment for Rotherham Football Club and I am sure he will do well there. Rotherham are a progressive club and it is a great chance for Mick Harford to manage at a good standard. They are very ambitious and will be looking to bounce straight back,” said King.

looking forward to seeing it in operation this weekend.

Nigel Bennett - Supporters Club spokesperson said: “A lot of hard work from both the Football Club and Supporters Club went unrewarded as a high wind, played havoc with the planned installation of the scoreboard.

“It has been a frustrating day as we sat around all day waiting for the wind to drop to a safe level -. Which of course never came. The crane operatives did all they could and were as helpful as possible, given the circumstances, but we were defeated by something over which we all had no control.”

Scoreboard Latest

Unfortunately, because a high wind during the planned installation date last Thursday exceeding the safe operating level for the crane, we were frustrated in our attempts to lift the new scoreboard into place.

The postponement of the installation meant it was not possible to re-try ahead of tonight’s game, but the Supporters Club remain committed to bringing this facility to fans and achieving the installation as quickly as possible.

Meanwhile, may we apologise to everyone who may have been

Sam Says Hello

Children and parents attending last week’s Football in the Community Course were greeted by striker Sam Parkin last Thursday.

The Town striker was on hand to present an array of awards to the children who had all taken part on the Swindon Town Football in the Community Easter

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Hello and welcome to this evening’s game with Bristol City here at The County Ground.

Barring **Brian Howard’s** sore knee, which he got a knock on during training on Monday which I am hopeful will not prove a problem for his inclusion on tonight’s squad, there are no other major injury problems.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that we do have a sports injury clinic available to the general public. If you have a sports related injury and would like some advice or treatment then please call me to arrange an appointment.





Sam gives out the awards...



Course last week.

There was also another reason to celebrate for the Community team, as they had seen their largest attendance for a holiday course. Over the holiday period Stefani Miglioranza and Matt Heywood have called into the Easter camps for question and answer sessions.

For more information on Swindon Town Football in the Community Courses just call 01793 421303.

Lulu Looks Ahead

Lulu, who is the only British female solo artist to appear in the charts for five straight decades, has spoken of her excitement ahead of her June date at The County Ground with Elton John.

"I'm really excited to be touring with Elton this summer. His concerts are electric. I've known Elton for many years and he has so much energy it's contagious. I can't wait to start the rockin' on stage in Swindon," said Lulu.



Captain's Column Matt Hewlett

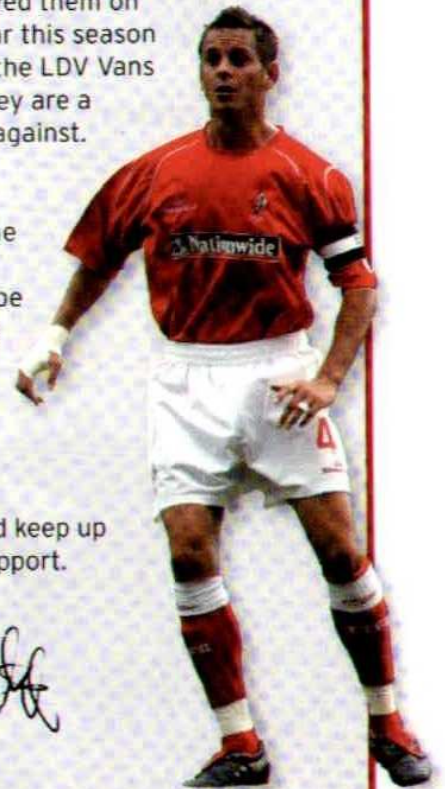
Good evening and welcome to what has been a long-awaited derby game with Bristol City.

Tonight's game presents us a chance to make amends for Saturday's defeat and we will be looking to do just that with a strong performance against Brian Tinnion's men.

Bristol City saw their own play-off chances take a dent with defeat at Brentford, but having already played them on two occasions so far this season in the League and the LDV Vans Trophy we know they are a tough side to play against.

Our win at Ashton Gate was one of the highlights of our season so far. I hope we are celebrating our third win over City by the final whistle this evening.

Enjoy the game and keep up the tremendous support.



Decade after decade the hits keep coming for Lulu. 1970's 'The Man Who Sold the World' with David Bowie. 1980's dance remix of 'Shout'. 1990's 'Relight My Fire' with Take That. 2000's 'We've Got Tonight' with Ronan Keating, and an album of duets, 'Together',

which went gold.

Still brimming with enthusiasm to make great music, and never content to thrive on her past glories, Lulu will this summer release a new album of R'N'B Classic's. For ticket details for the concert just turn to page 27.

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BoardroomTalk

Director Bob Holt talks about recent behind the scenes events and gives us his thoughts ahead of tonight's game...

I have been looking forward to tonight's game for weeks and following the result against Walsall at the weekend - even more so.

No, I have not lost track of the plot. Nor is it the financial boost to our much-depleted cash flow tonight's 'local derby' will generate (although I must say it will be most welcome). It is a fact that I can, for the first time since Christmas, sit through the whole ninety minutes without chewing my nails down to the knuckles. Since the start of this year I have sat at the County Ground a nervous wreck as we battled for every point chasing that elusive place in the 'Play-Offs'. I really thought we would make it but 'Lady Luck'

deserted us when we needed her most.

A 'Play-Off' place is still mathematically possible but I am, at heart, a realist and accept that it is likely, without an enormous helping of exceptional good fortune, we will start next season's campaign in League One.

Tonight I intend to relax and enjoy the match and what a game it will be. Bristol are still trying to gain a place in the top six and we will be out to do nasty things on their picnic. Town will play their hearts out - that's guaranteed and I expect that during tonight's ninety minutes we see a thoroughly entertaining game. City desperately need three points, a

draw is not enough. No doubt they will play some attacking football that would, in normal circumstances, have me chewing my digits to the quick but oh no 'Not tonight Josephine' this is one battle I am intending to enjoy to the fullest.

Do not misunderstand me, Kingy's lads are committed and playing for pride but this time it is Bristol City who will be under pressure.

So if you look in the stands and see me smiling, it because I am for the first time for a long while enjoying our 'beautiful game'.

I trust that you too will be able to enjoy the match.

Bob Holt



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A photograph of a football player in a white and black kit, captured in the middle of a powerful kick. The player is leaning forward, with his right leg extended towards the right side of the frame. The background shows a blurred stadium filled with spectators, suggesting a live match environment. The lighting is bright, typical of a daytime game.

MatchReport

Swindon 1 • Walsall 2

Saturday 9th April 2005 • Kick-Off 3.00pm
Coca-Cola League One • The County Ground

Town's last chance of a Play-Off spot looks to have vanished after goals at the end of each half by Walsall earned them maximum points despite Sam Parkin's late penalty, wrote STFC Sports Reporter Adrian Smith.

The home side were caught by a sucker punch one minute before half-time when Julian Joachim fired in a powerful shot from a narrow angle on the right, which deceived Evans and flew into the net.

Sam Parkin scored a penalty in the 82nd minute after Roper had handled the ball in the area after an Andy Caton shot had been blocked. However, the visitors scored the winner with a minute to go when Julian Joachim outmuscled Jerel Ifil on the left before crossing to the unmarked Mark Wright and he slotted home his first goal of the season.

Alan Reeves

Tonight we have the thoughts of new Assistant Manager Alan Reeves who gives us his views ahead of this evening's encounter...



Good evening and welcome to this evening's encounter with Bristol City.

You will all know by now that Mick Harford has left the club. Mick was my reserve team manager at Wimbledon and that was eight years ago now. He has been involved with the backroom staff at various clubs since then and he has now got his chance as Manager of Rotherham. He has worked through the ranks and deserves his chance to take over the Managerial reins. Whilst we were all sorry to see him leave the club we wish him all the best in his new role.

The Manager has now given me the chance to step up into the Assistant Manager's role until the end of the season and said he will be reassessing the situation in the summer. It is a great opportunity for me and I will be doing the job as I played - by giving my all.

Saturday's defeat was disappointing for everyone. Having spoken to their Manager Paul Merson before the game I knew he was apprehensive going into

it as they weren't playing well. However, they were the better side on the day and we just didn't do ourselves justice at all. We worked hard in the second half and got a goal back through Sam's penalty. I thought the lad should have got sent off which would have changed the game really. Had they been down to ten men they would have been put onto the back foot and perhaps they wouldn't

The best memory I have against them is three or so seasons ago when we beat them 1-0 at Ashton Gate. I scored the winner and then jumped into the away end to celebrate...

have gone on to score the winner. But they created the chances and were the better side on the day.

I felt that had we scored the first goal it may have been a different story. Walsall were low on confidence going into the game. I have been in a similar position with this club, because when you go a goal down heads

do drop and it becomes a big hole to get out of. Unfortunately for us they scored the first goal and that gave them the lift they needed to go on and get the win.

Tonight Bristol City are in Town for the local derby game of the season for us. The best memory I have against them is three or so seasons ago when we beat them 1-0 at Ashton Gate. I scored the winner and then jumped into the away end to celebrate. It was a very enjoyable day and certainly one I remember. I think that whichever club gets beat this evening then that will be their season over, that is how bigger a game it is.

You will be aware that Christian Roberts is unable to play due to his contractual agreement with Bristol City so this will mean a change in the side this evening. Whichever eleven players go out onto the pitch, stand up and be counted then they will come out on top. Derby games are all about bottle and tonight will be no different.

Enjoy the match and keep up the support.

'Reevesy'

MatchAction



Coca-Cola League One

Saturday 9th April 2005
The County Ground, 3:00pm

Swindon (0) **1**

Walsall (1) **2**

Attendance: 5,592

Swindon



(red shirts, white shorts)

1. Rhys Evans
2. Sean O'Hanlon
3. Grant Smith
4. Matt Hewlett
6. Steve Jenkins
7. Sammy Igoe
9. Sam Parkin **1P**
10. Stef Miglioranzi
11. David Duke
14. Christian Roberts
19. Matt Heywood

Subs Used

12. Jerel Ifil (11)
24. Andy Caton (14)
8. Rory Fallon (4)

Subs Not Used

20. Steve Book
22. Michael Pook

Walsall



(white shirts, black shorts)

1. Andy Oakes
2. Anthony Gerrard
3. David Perpetuini
4. Simon Osborn
6. Ian Roper
7. Michael Standing
8. Craig Pead
11. Darren Wrack
14. Mark Wright **1**
23. Andrew Surman
33. Julian Joachim **1**

Subs Used

9. Jorge Leitao (7)
12. Matt Fryatt (33)

Subs Not Used

29. Joe Murphy
15. Kris Taylor
22. Mark Kinsella



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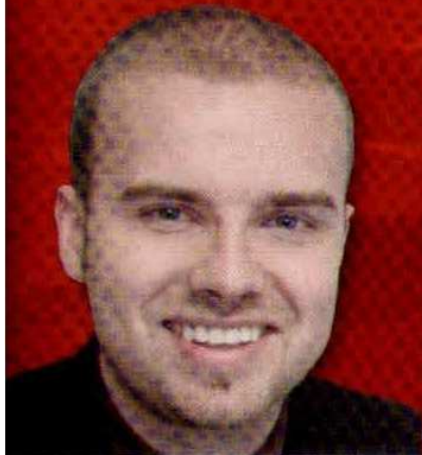


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MediaComment

The Evening Advertiser's Chief Sports Writer Jon Ritson brings you his latest column for STFC Magazine...

I fully expect a chorus from the Town End of 'Oooh Christian Roberts, used to play for City but he's barred tonight'.

Anyway enough of ridiculous contract clauses as I feel I've made my feelings pretty clear on that situation already.

Still, you've got to feel a bit sorry for the Welsh wizard. His car crash prevented him from taking part in the derby game that City would have let him play in earlier this season.

I still feel they could relent tonight. What harm could it do? He isn't exactly going to harm their play-off chances is he?

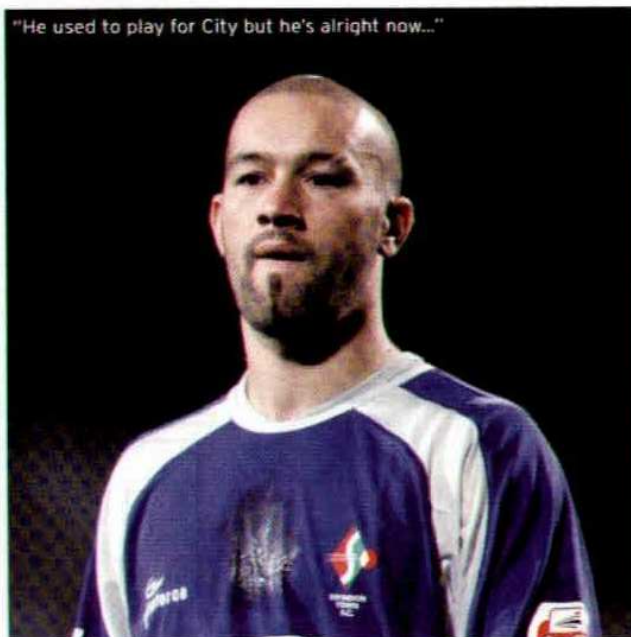
A derby is a derby but

probably have been more at stake than bragging rights.

Yes, neither side is mathematically out of the play-off picture but realistically it's looking highly unlikely.

Hopes at the County Ground were high at the start of the season but with the money City have spent, their campaign has to be viewed as nothing short of a total disaster.

Mind you, what is at stake is the right to be top dog in the west country. It has been some years since Town managed to finish above Bristol City in the table and we have to at least aim to achieve that this



It doesn't get any easier after tonight with a trip to Hull City beckoning on Saturday. Off the top of my head though I seem to recall our 4-2 win over the Tigers as being one of the

Crewe a couple of years ago. It looked a home banker until Stef popped up with a late winner.

After Hull there's just three games to go and you are left wondering where the season has gone. It doesn't seem two minutes since we kicked off at Wrexham all those months ago.

Anyway, that's about it for another week. Sing your hearts out for the lads tonight and send City home weeping over another defeat at the hands of Swindon Town.

Cheers,

Jon

It doesn't get any easier after tonight with a trip to Hull City beckoning on Saturday. Off the top of my head though I seem to recall our 4-2 win over the Tigers as being one of the best performances of the season.

you do wonder what extra spice would have been generated if this match had taken place on Easter Monday as planned?

I suspect the gate would have been a lot higher and there would

year. It really would be fantastic to complete that hat-trick of victories in the process.

Super Sammy will nudge ever closer to Peter Eastoe's record tonight as well.

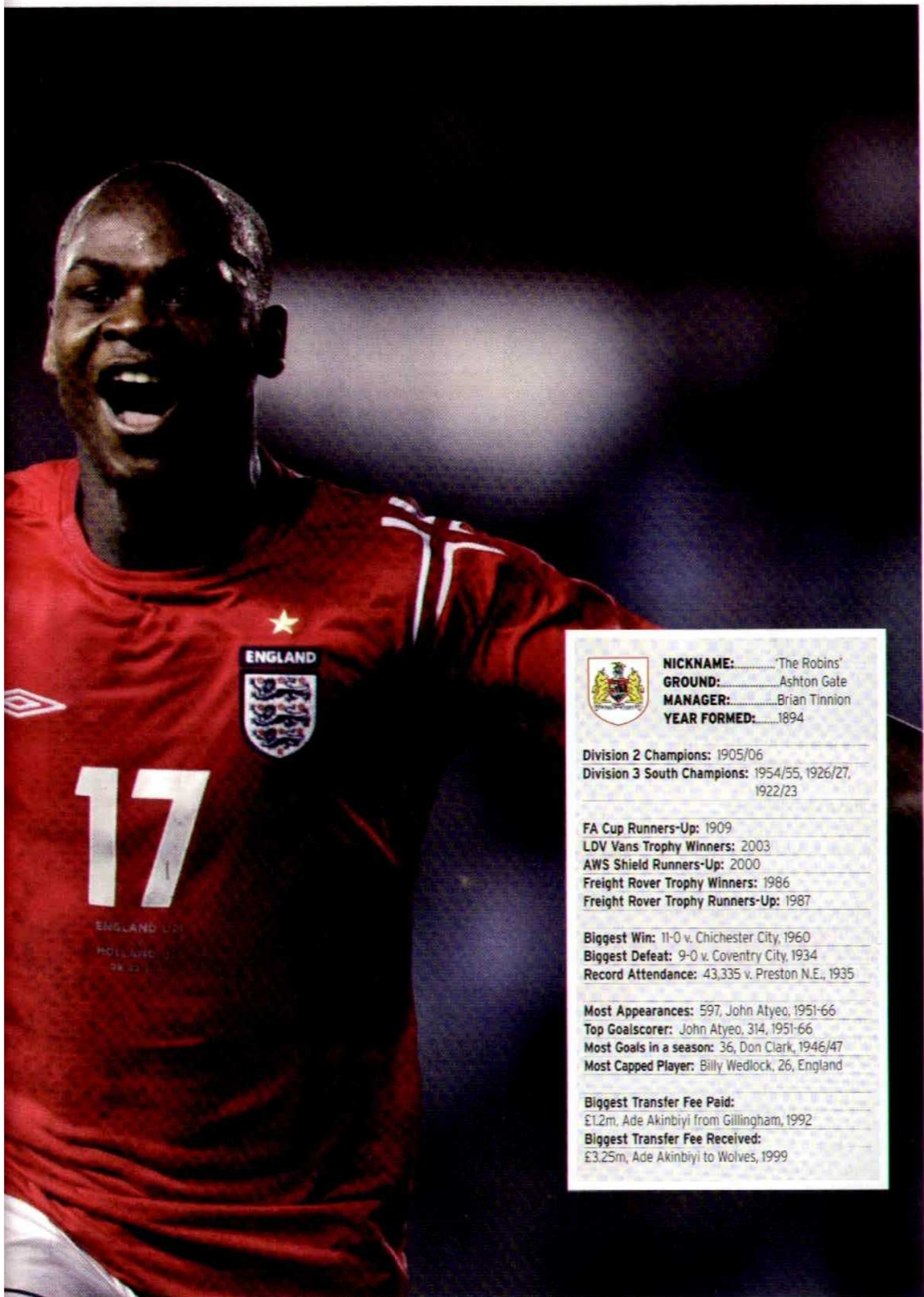
best performances of the season. They are obviously flying and look certainties now for automatic promotion. Still, teams at the top too have an occasional late wobble. I seem to remember Town going to

Lethal Lita



Bristol City

This evening sees the battle of two former Chelsea strikers. Leroy Lita and Sam Parkin both arrived at their respective clubs via Stamford Bridge and both have made an impact on League One this season. The race for the play-offs continues with tonight's local derby seeing two of the division's top marksmen go head to head. With these two on show, one set of supporters may get the Blues at the final whistle...



NICKNAME:.....'The Robins'
GROUND:.....Ashton Gate
MANAGER:.....Brian Tinnion
YEAR FORMED:.....1894

Division 2 Champions: 1905/06
Division 3 South Champions: 1954/55, 1926/27,
1922/23

FA Cup Runners-Up: 1909
LDV Vans Trophy Winners: 2003
AWS Shield Runners-Up: 2000
Freight Rover Trophy Winners: 1986
Freight Rover Trophy Runners-Up: 1987

Biggest Win: 11-0 v. Chichester City, 1960
Biggest Defeat: 9-0 v. Coventry City, 1934
Record Attendance: 43,335 v. Preston N.E., 1935

Most Appearances: 597, John Atyeo, 1951-66
Top Goalscorer: John Atyeo, 314, 1951-66
Most Goals in a season: 36, Don Clark, 1946/47
Most Capped Player: Billy Wedlock, 26, England

Biggest Transfer Fee Paid:
£1.2m, Ade Akinbiyi from Gillingham, 1992
Biggest Transfer Fee Received:
£3.25m, Ade Akinbiyi to Wolves, 1999

The Robins' Squad

Lita sets the pace, with his 27 strikes making the England U-21 international joint top scorer in the division as April commenced. He came off the bench 30 times last season but has made himself un-droppable this term.

Strike partner Steve Brooker is no slouch with his 17 goals, five of those for former club Port Vale. Luke Wiltshire has nine and ex-Notts County front-man Paul Heffernan, is on seven.

Last season's player of the year, Northern Ireland's midfielder Tommy Doherty was one of those whose selection for his country forced the postponement of the original fixture back over Easter.

Striker Dave Cotterill was another, the 17 year-old making his debut as a substitute for the Welsh U-21 side against Austria.

At the other end of the spectrum, manager Brian Tinnion has announced that he's keeping his boots within reach. He's 20 years older than Cotterill but is prepared to continue to pick himself if needs be. Over the years he's been instrumental for City in games against Town. City's last six away games have produce three wins, a draw and a couple of defeats. Just like Andy King, Tinnion still believes a play-off place is up for grabs and tonight's match is vitally important for both clubs if those hopes are to continue.

1 Steve Phillips

Joined City in 1996 from non-league side Paulton Rovers and earned his first-team debut in December 1998. Now established as the club's first-choice keeper, he signed a new three-year contract in autumn 2003.



2 Jamie Smith

Signed a one-year deal after arriving on a free transfer from Crystal Palace in August 2004. Started his career as a trainee with Wolves before moving to the Eagles in 1997. Appointed as Robins' captain in 2005.



3 Mickey Bell

Snapped up from Wycombe Wanderers for a tribunal fee of £150,000 in the summer of 1997, he is a free kick and penalty specialist. Signed a new one-year deal in the summer of 2004.



4 Tommy Doherty

Capped nine times by Northern Ireland, for whom he qualifies through his grandfather, Doherty was voted the City Supporters Club Player Of The Year in 2003/04. A product of the club's Academy system.



6 Louis Carey

Youth product who made his City debut in October 1995 as a right back. Left the club to join Championship side Coventry in 2004 only to have a change of heart and re-sign for his hometown club in February 2005.



14 Luke Wiltshire

Australian international midfielder who signed for City from Middlesbrough in July 2003 for £250,000. Capped four times by Australia, whom he also represented in the 2004 Olympics.



16 Clayton Fortune

Utility player signed in March 2001 after being released by Tottenham. Has played in central defence, at left-back, in central midfield and even up front. Turned down a move to Preston last summer.



17 Bradley Orr

A former Town target, he signed on a free transfer from Newcastle United in the summer of 2004. Began his career with Everton before moving to St James Park where he skipped the club's reserve side.



23 Joe Keith

Left-wingback who is currently on loan from Colchester United, in a swap deal involving Marc Goodfellow. Started his career as a trainee for West Ham before moving to Layer Road in July 1999 on a free transfer.



28 Dave Cotterill

Capped twice by Wales U-21s, he made his City debut in the home game against Colchester in October aged just 16 years old. Signed a pro contract in December, keeping him at Ashton Gate until the summer of 2007.



29 Scott Brown

Started his career as a trainee with Everton whom he represented at youth and reserve level before being released at the end of the 2003/04 season. Following a successful trial joined City on a short-term contract.



32 Steve Brooker

Signed on a three-and-a-half year deal potentially worth up to £225,000 in September 2004. Started his career as a trainee with Watford before moving to Port Vale. Has scored __ goals this season.



34 Scott Golbourne

Academy product who began the 2004/05 season as a first-year scholar before signing a two-year pro contract. Capped at under-17 level by England. Cousin of former City player Matt Hill who is now at Preston.



Last Time
at the County Ground



Date: Tues 30th November 2004

Competition: LDV Trophy AOF

Half-Time Score: 0-0

Full-Time Score: 1-0

Swindon Goalscorers:

Sam Parkin, 64

Bristol City Goalscorers:

n/a

Attendance: 7,571

Swindon Current League

Position: 11th

Bristol City Current League

Position: 8th

OnetoWatch
8 Leroy Lita

England Under-21 international striker who was a prolific scorer for the reserve and Academy sides before being fast-tracked into the senior set-up, making his senior debut in August 2002.

Spotted by City's Academy after being released by Premiership side Chelsea and has made a big impact with

the club since he signed a professional contract in March 2003.

Voted Supporters Club Young Player Of The Year in 2003/04, Lita has made the step up to International football this season after being included in Peter Taylor's squad. His debut for the England U21's saw him debut versus Holland at Pride Park in February 2005.

Lita played a massive part in his side's 4-0 victory at Torquay United last month, scoring a hat-trick inside just 21 minutes. He is rumoured to have attracted admiring glances from Premiership Managers



but at this stage remains very much part of City's play-off bid.

Having been kept

quiet by the Brentford defence on Saturday, Lita will no doubt be ready to find the net again this evening.



the gaffer
Brian Tinnion

City's player/boss is the club's longest-serving player - he is currently in his 12th full season with the club and in January 2004 made his 500th appearance for the club.

A £180,000 signing from Bradford City in 1993, he began his career at Newcastle United, where he played in the same youth team as Paul Gascoigne. The left-footed midfielder scored City's winner in the club's famous FA Cup win at Liverpool in January 1994.

A UEFA qualified coach, he is presently in his testimonial year. Signed a three-year deal as manager in June 2004, following the departure of Danny Wilson. He will end his playing career at the end of the current season.

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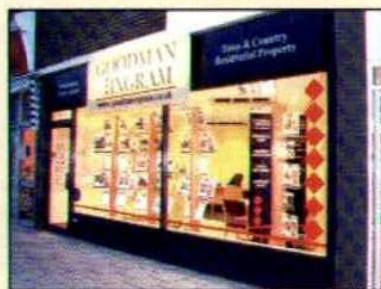
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Hull City, Town's next opponents after tonight's game, kept their League One title hopes alive with a 2-0 win at Yorkshire rivals Bradford on Sunday...

 The visitors got off to a flying start when Northern Ireland international Stuart Elliott fired them in front after just four minutes. Bradford poured forward in search of an equaliser, but could not find a way past a resolute Hull defence. The Tigers doubled their lead on 68 minutes when former England international Nick Barmby netted his ninth goal of the season.

 Mike Newell's Luton Town moved closer towards promotion with a 1-0 victory at play-off contenders Bournemouth. Despite Russell Perrett's sending off for a professional foul midway through the first half for the visitors, Luton claimed all three points to extend their lead at the top of the

table to six points. With six minutes remaining at Dean Court, substitute Enoch Showunmi scored the winner.

 Play-off hopefuls Sheffield Wednesday had to come from a goal down to earn a 1-1 draw at Oldham Athletic. Luke Beckett gave The Latics the lead on 28 minutes before Glenn Whelan levelled matters for The Owls nine minutes after the break.

 Hartlepool United missed the chance to move into fourth place after being held to a 1-1 draw at Colchester United. Gavin Johnson gave The U's the lead six minutes before the break before Pools earned a point at Layer Road through Antony

Sweeney nine minutes after half time.


 Brentford moved level on points with sixth place Bournemouth after a 1-0 win over Bristol City at Griffin Park. Sam Sodje's strike on 12 minutes gave The Bees a vital win in South West London.


 Huddersfield Town are making a late charge for the play-offs after Peter Jackson's side defeated Yorkshire rivals Doncaster Rovers 3-1 at The Galpharm Stadium. Pawel Abbott gave The Terriers the lead a minute into the match before Leo Fortune-West equalised on the quarter hour mark. Andy Booth restored Huddersfield's lead just before the break and Chris Brandon



Pawel Abbott

made sure of the points with a second half strike.

 Lee Matthews gave Port Vale a 1-0 victory over Chesterfield at Vale Park while Peterborough United staved off relegation again, as Calum Willock's first half strike gave them a 1-0 win at Blackpool.

 Torquay United's hopes of getting out of the relegation places were boosted when Zema Abbey's late strike gave The Gulls a crucial 1-0 victory over fifth from bottom Milton Keynes Dons at Plainmoor.

The victory takes Leroy Rosenior's side to within three points of MK Dons, with both sides having four matches left in their League One campaign.



Enoch Showunmi celebrates his strike against Bournemouth...



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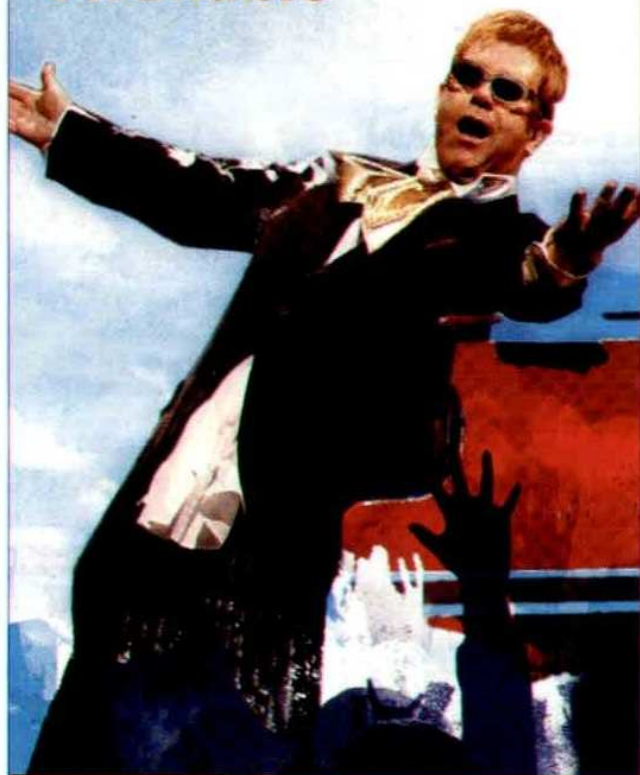


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We have promoted two Golf Days (our latest one is next Tuesday at The Manor House Golf Club, Castle Coombe), two Sporting Luncheons with Graham Poll and Lawrie Sanchez, A Game of Two Halves, and three Sporting Dinners with Ron Atkinson, Tommy Docherty and Alan Ball. All of these events have proved exceptionally popular, and already we are working very hard on some new events for next season.

The last two events are on Wednesday 25th May and Thursday 26th May when we will be holding our last Sporting Dinners for this season. Our guest speakers are Legends from the International World of Rugby Union and Cricket, GARETH CHILCOTT



'Big Ron' visited in October...

and SIR GARY SOBERS. The Compere's for the evenings will be the ever popular Barry Williams and new to the Swindon Town Sporting Dinners, Mr. Jed Stone.

We expect both these evenings to be 'sell outs' and tickets to go fast.

We are now taking bookings for both nights. Tables of ten are £525 plus vat, tables of twelve are £575 plus vat, individual tickets are available at £59 plus vat.

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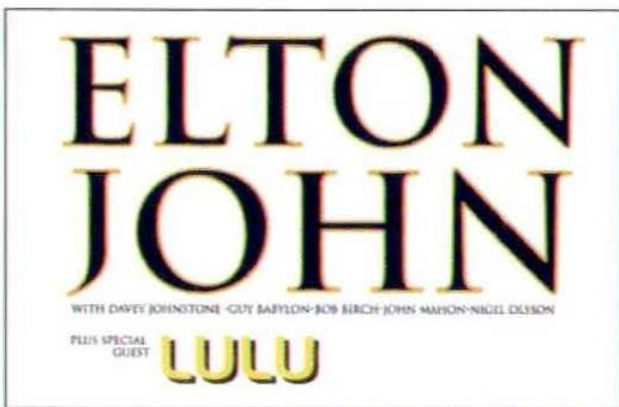


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Are You Ready?



By now you will all be aware that Elton John is to play at The County Ground, but what work was involved to bring him here?

'Reginald Kenneth Dwight' started taking piano lessons at the age of four and has since become a superstar on the international music scene.

His concerts in America were legendary as he donned ridiculous outfits and outrageous spectacles. At one stage between 1972 and 1975 he had seven consecutive number 1 albums, his hits including "Rocket Man", "Daniel", "Saturday Night's Alright For Fighting", "Goodbye Yellow Brick Road", "Candle In The Wind" and the powerful would-be suicide note, "Someone Saved My Life Tonight".

So, as the excitement builds ahead of 19th June, we tracked down Sales & Marketing Manager Mike Sullivan in the offices at The County Ground to get the low-down on the arrival of 'Rocket Man' to SN1.

Firstly, what a great coup for STFC!

"Certainly, in all honesty it is the product of around ten months of hard work, since last September when we entered negotiations with the promoter Marshall Arts."

Can you tell us a little about the work involved

Elton's stage will be situated at the Stratton Bank end of the ground with two big screens either side, to enable everyone inside the stadium an excellent view...

to sign up such a well-known artist?

"It was confirmed very early in March, but the initial idea actually stemmed from one of our Executive Club members, John Cullum, who is the Father of Jamie Cullum the well-known Jazz artist. John suggested holding a concert here so I then spoke to Jamie's agents, but they said that he wasn't ready for this type of concert and to come back in a year or two.

"From there I contacted Elton John's

Management company and left our details, after which they confirmed that Elton was looking to do a tour of a number of football grounds. We received an agreement just after the Luton Town away game that it was going to go ahead."

It must have been

quite a relief to finally announce it...

"It was. There was a lot of hard work which went on behind the scenes in order for it to go ahead but it was a case of keeping it quiet for a time before we were able to finally release the exciting news."

Could this be the first of many concerts to be held at Swindon Town Football Club?

"We hope so. What we are looking to do is have Elton here in the summer for what will be the first

major concert to be held here at STFC and then follow that up with a series of annual events."

Didn't you know Sir Elton from your time at Watford?

"I worked at Watford FC for ten years during the early eighties, during which time Elton John was Chairman. Every year each member of staff was encouraged to visit his home with their families for a day out. He is a very shy man but he can be very funny as well."

What type of performance can the Swindon public expect on the night?

"I have seen him live on around ten occasions and you will get a five star performance. He will be on stage for around just over two hours and is absolutely brilliant live."

How are the ticket sales going?

"You have to remember that we are the venue and not the promoter. Marshall Arts, who are promoting the event,

want to keep the ticket sales very close to their chest although they have highlighted that we did sell 10,000 tickets within the first two days."

We understand corporate sales have gone well...

"They have gone well yes. We have done very well and have sold 300 platinum packages upstairs in the executive areas and our gold packages are three-quarters full now. It has even got to the point that we are looking at local hotels to extend our corporate areas."

And what are the arrangements for car parking on the night?

"The demand for car parking is no doubt going to be very, very high so we are looking to pre-sell our car parking spaces."

"We are in negotiations with Tesco, St. Josephs School and the local cricket club and the idea is to operate four main car parks. Entry to the official car parks will be by ticket only."

How big is this event for Swindon Town FC?

"The good thing about this event is that the club can't lose. The deal has been done on a ground rent, commission on all ticket sales, a percentage of the bar sales, corporate hospitality as well as income generated from the car parking."

"It should be profitable for the club but we will

be spending a little bit of money to make sure this is a memorable event. We want people to come away from the event having seen a magnificent performance and had a great time."

How will the stadium be transformed?

"Three days before the event Marshall Arts will come in and effectively takeover the ground. A protective flooring will be laid down to cover the pitch and the pitch seating installed. The technical team will then get to work installing the lighting and sound equipment."

"Elton's stage will be situated at the Stratton Bank end of the ground with two big screens either side, to enable everyone inside the stadium an excellent view. As far as accommodating Elton and his team, we are expecting the area behind the Stratton Bank to house all his staff in what will become 'Elton's village'."

"He probably won't arrive in Swindon until around 6pm and he is expected on stage at 8.20pm. The event should all be over by approximately 11pm after which the clear up operation will get underway. The pitch covering will be removed which will then enable the ground staff to continue their preparation work to get the playing surface ready for the start of the new 2005/6 Coca-Cola League One season."



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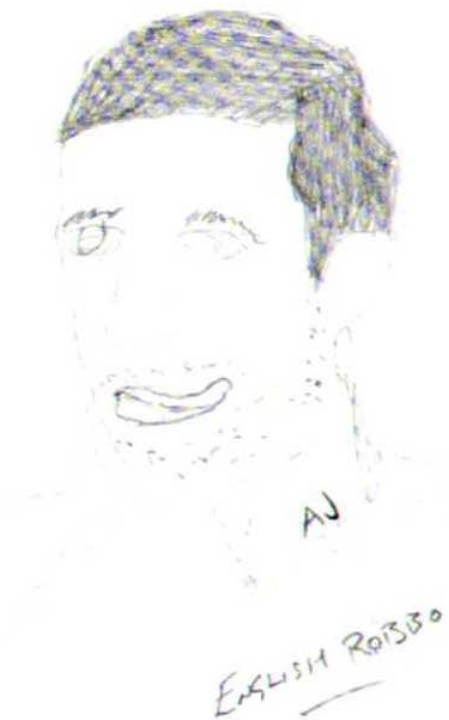


AMBITION... what are your ambitions in football?
To score my next goal.

BEST... thing about playing for Swindon?
It's location.

CARDIFF... what's the best thing about your hometown?
Holding the FA Cup final.

DRAW... can you draw a teammate?





ENTERTAINING... most entertaining game you have ever witnessed? Manchester United winning the European Cup final in Barcelona.

FULL SWING... who is the best golfer at the club? Steve Robison talks a good game, but I would say Matty Heywood.

GREAT... who was your hero as a youngster? Ian Wright was mine.

HAVE... a guess at the score tonight? 2-0 Town, Parkin and Heywood with the goals.

INTERESTING... what are your other interests outside of football? Golf and reading Mens Health magazine.

JENKS... describe your teammate in three words? Old looking man.

KAPUT... worst miss you have seen? Mine at Hartlepool the other week.

LOSS... worst experience in football? Losing the play-off final last season.

MEAN MACHINE... hardest player you have

BEST GOAL EVER SCORED ?

"Against Hartlepool in the play-off semi-final last season or my debut goal for Cardiff."



WORST EXPERIENCE IN FOOTBALL ?

"Losing the play-off final last season."

played against? Tommy Doherty, he used to run round like a madman in training!

NET... favourite goal of your career? Against Hartlepool in the play-off semi-final last season or my debut goal for Cardiff.

OWNERSHIP... what is your dream car? A Bentley GT.

PROFESSIONAL... when did you sign for Swindon? October 2004.

QUALITY... most skilful player at Town? Sammy Parkin.

RESTAURANT.. what's your favourite place to eat? The Ivy in London.

STADIUM... best you have played in? The Millennium Stadium.

TECHNICAL.. which player, out of the current squad, has the potential to be a Manager? Steve Robison because he has authority!

UNKNOWN... which young player would you

advise fans to watch out for? Aside from myself - Andy Caton.

VOCATION... what would you do if you were not a footballer? Probably a lawyer with a top London firm.

WEEKEND... how do you spend your weekends after a game? I drive straight home to watch Match of the Day. Then on Sunday go for a walk to get the lactic acid out of my body then sit and watch football videos all day.

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YELLOW... what scares you? Spiders.



ZOO... who is the least tidy player at the Club? Steve Robison, how scruffy is he!

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We're on the home stretch, just three more matches here at the County Ground this season.

Tonight, it's over to my nephew Richard Adams to ponder the pros and cons of playing our M4 neighbours:

"Last time these two rival West Country Robins met was in the LDV Vans Trophy when Town won 1-0 at the County Ground thanks to a Sam Parkin strike, only to go out to Southend United in the next round at Roots Hall. The last league fixture between Swindon and Bristol City was way back in August when on loan striker

Darius Henderson from Gillingham gave the 1,826 travelling Swindon fans something to cheer about when he secured Town their first three away points of the season with a brace in

Hewlett is not the only Swindon captain to be associated with Bristol City. Swindon's captain during the Premiership season, 'Ooh' Shaun Taylor now works on their coaching staff.

This fixture last season, almost exactly one year ago, saw the unforgettable Rory Fallon over-head kick in front of the Town End which helped to propel Swindon into the play-

The last league fixture between Swindon and Bristol City was way back in August when on loan striker Darius Henderson from Gillingham gave the 1,826 travelling Swindon fans something to cheer about...

the 2-1 victory at Ashton Gate. Christian Roberts was playing FOR City AGAINST us that day. Skipper Matt Hewlett is another player to have made the 43 mile journey from Ashton Gate to the County Ground, in July 2000.

Shaun was the heart and soul of the Swindon Town premiership campaign in the 1993/94 season. He made over 250 appearances for the club after signing from Exeter City in July 1991. He left Wiltshire in September 1996 for £100,000.

offs. We all now know what happened then!

This fixture always draws one of the biggest crowds of the season so let's get behind the team tonight and help them to win 3 times out of 3 over Bristol City this season."

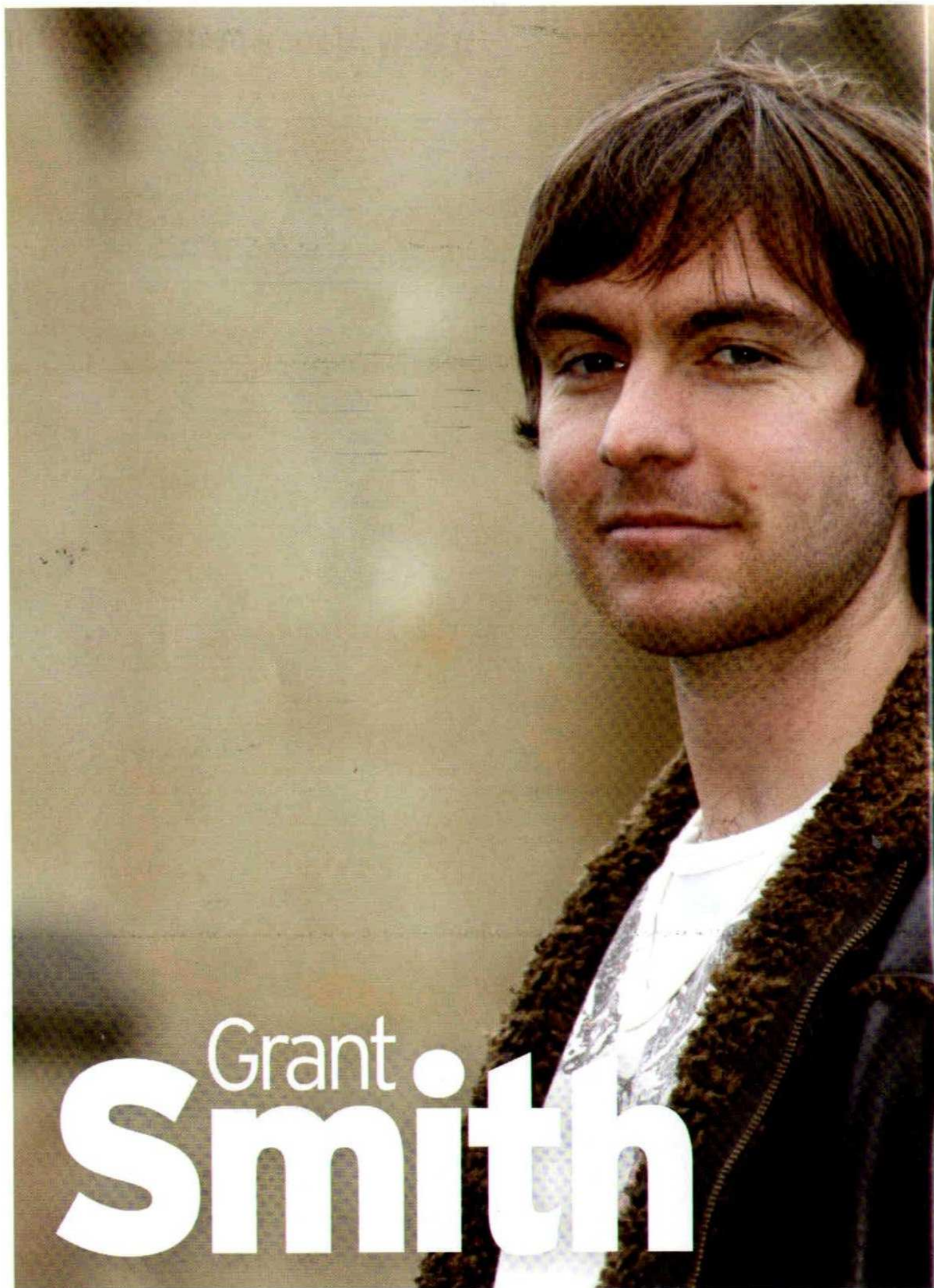


'Deadly' Darius strikes...




Grant **3Smith**





Grant
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We go one-on-one with our column-writing goalscoring Scotsman...

Words: Nick Judd
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And Smith must score..." Those were the words on the lips of the commentators as Smith had the goalkeeper to beat late on. Score and he becomes a legend, the travelling army of fans swelling around him in a last-minute goalscoring frenzy...

No, not Gordon Smith, who famously broke through for Brighton & Hove Albion against Manchester United in the dying embers of the 1985

FA Cup final, but son Grant as he stands over the penalty spot for the Reds away at MK dons last month.

Unfortunately Smith saw his last-minute spot kick saved expertly by Matt Baker (who, incidentally, saved another a few days later), but his earlier strike, his eighth of the season, ensured a crucial point away from home – not bad for a player not even on the bench in 2004. 2005 has seen Smithy on a mission and

with five games to go, it's not over yet...

The Scot is one of nine players out of contract this summer and in recent months he's been doing his best to make sure he'll be one of those reporting back at Wanborough in July. Not only that, but there's the small matter of reaching his third play-offs in as many years.

We travelled to Smith's hometown of Cheltenham where the Scot told STFC Magazine that it's not over yet...

Sam has the build for tennis, he's very skinny, and he did grow up near Wimbledon so I could be in trouble! I think he'll be a serve and volley man; I'll have to watch out.



Saturday's result has done little to boost our play-off chances, how much of a blow was the Hartlepool result defeat a week earlier?

The two games have been massive setbacks. We were very confident going up to Hartlepool. That was the game that could have got us back up there because we would have stolen three points off them. They'd lost a few games leading up to that game too and we were very confident. Saturday's game against Walsall was just one of those horrible, horrible games when it didn't happen for us. They're fighting for their lives and while we still an outside chance we'll be looking to put things right and hang in there.

Was it decided before the game that Sam would take any penalties?

Yeah.

Even though you won a penalty competition in training on the Friday...

[laughs] I think it was more the Gaffer's decision really. It's good for Sam to get his goal ratio up and I don't mind, as long as he scores them! I didn't even see

the decision to be honest, Sam got there before me. It seemed a bit harsh...

You must have been tempted to erase the memory of MK Dons, though?

In a way, but Sam got their first and he scored – so I've got no complaints.

Still, eight goals from midfield, that's not a bad return for someone that's only played half the season?

It should be nine as well! My aim is to get double figures now, although earlier in the season my aim was just to play games – I had no goalscoring targets! I'm happy with the goals I've scored in the last 20 games or so; hopefully I can grab a few more.

Your run coincided with a certain pre-match ritual, what was the secret, and what has replaced it now?

[laughs] I can't tell you that! No, it all happened because I hadn't been picked for the squad the week before the Bradford game, I wasn't even on the bench. Then, before the Bradford match (as I wasn't expecting to start)

I watched a late film and ate late the night before, not the best preparation... but it worked for me and I scored a couple, so I did it until I had a bad game. I need to think of some more superstitions now, although I'm wearing these wristbands at the moment, the ones you see loads of people wearing, cancer and racism etc. I had one on until Walsall, and one of the ball boys has given me the black and white racism one so I'll give that a go this week.

You've also played in a number of positions... what do you think is your best role and our best formation? Would you agree that we've seen the best of Grant Smith in midfield?

Midfield is my position, or up front. I like it when we play with Sam on his own up front as a lone striker because I can get on the end of flick-ons and get into goalscoring positions from midfield. I prefer the middle of the park, although I don't mind playing on the left. It depends on the personnel and who were playing in terms of a formation or system, but I think we're better with four at the back.





We haven't seen enough goals this year, you and Sam apart. Has that been our main problem, do you think?

Christian's been out for a long time and I think he would have scored more, he's capable of scoring goals. We lost Tommy Mooney in

the summer and we've missed a second striker getting 15 goals. But Rory can hit a streak at some stage – if we could just get another player on 15 we'd be up there I think.

A win tonight will do wonders for morale, though...

It's a big game for us, the perfect opportunity to put things right after Saturday's defeat. It would be great for the fans to win this one and City, like us, have had a stop-start season – it'll be a close game.

It's the start of a tough run of games...



Yeah, but then I always feel we do better against better sides. It's harder to play the Wrexham's and the Walsall's because we're suited to playing football against the better teams. If we win tonight then go to Hull and get a result, you never know. We can't wait to play in front of 20,000 at Hull...

Is it a case of finishing as high as we can if we don't make it into the top six?

This year's league has been strange, so inconsistent and we haven't capitalised at

all. Last year there were teams that you'd know would put a run together. This year it's been a free for all and we haven't taken advantage. Next year, if we can find that consistency, we'll have every chance, so we need to finish the season as strongly as possible.

Will it be a frustrating summer, looking back on where it went wrong, or will you forget about it and look ahead?

You have to take the positives and analyse the negatives. Where did we drop points? Why?

If we can keep certain players we'll be up there again next year, and the Gaffer has only ever strengthened the team so he could bring in a few players. Sometimes a team struggles the season after they get knocked out of the play-offs and then come good the year after that. We're getting more experience all the time so it's all positive.

What does the future hold for Grant Smith, you're one of the nine players out of contract this summer?

I hope I've done enough

It's a big game for us, the perfect opportunity to put things right after Saturday's defeat. It would be great for the fans to win this one and City, like us, have had a stop-start season - it'll be a close game.

recently to give myself a chance. I can't afford to drop my standards now, though, and I can only keep trying to play well and scoring goals if I'm to stay here. I want to stay at Swindon because it's a great club...

You've certainly taken your chance since starting back in January? How frustrating was it to not be involved before that?

I never expected to play every week when I came here, but I expected to get more of a chance than I did. It has made me appreciate playing more, though, and without wanting to repeat a cliché; it has made me a stronger person. I now work harder. There was nothing worse than leaving training on a Friday afternoon and 'having the weekend off'. It was horrible.

If we do sneak into the play-offs, it'll be a hat-trick for you won't it? Third time lucky?

Yeah, this will be my first quiet summer for three years. I got to the final with Sheffield United two years ago and the semis last year with Swindon, it would be nice to go one better this year...

Do you still keep in touch with the Sheffield lads?

All the time. I see them when I'm free and vice versa, I get up there as much as I can. Their league's totally different to ours in that the top teams keep winning. They're still in with a shout and although they have some tough games coming up, I think they'll make it. They're experienced lads and have done it all before.

Neil Warnock, you wouldn't mess with him would you...

He is a bit mental, but I really like him. He liked me and was always straight with me. He's a funny guy, gets the best out of players. He doesn't get the credit he deserves really, his record speaks for itself.

Now tell us more about this game of tennis in the summer you've arranged...

Sam Parkin thinks he's Roger Federer. We were watching tennis the other day and he saw that I had a racket. He asked me if I played and asked me to show him my serve. We're now playing in the



summer, and the winner gets some money. He has the build for it, he's very skinny, and he did grow up near Wimbledon so I could be in trouble! I think he'll be a serve and volley man; I'll have to watch out.

Sam doesn't think much of your racket...

He's bluffing!

Thanks to Cheitenham College for providing the photography location for this interview.



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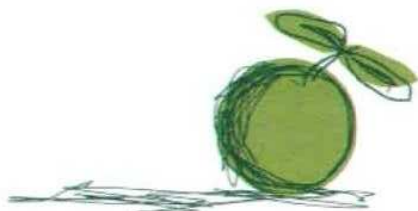
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Ladies Fixtures 04/05

Sep 5	Clevedon	2-1
Sep 12	Reading Royals	0-2
Sep 19	Forest Green	3-2
Sep 26	Reading	6-3
Oct 3	Newton Abbot	3-0
Oct 10	Keynsham	3-5
Oct 31	Bath City FAC1	4-0
Nov 7	Chesham	2-3
Nov 14	Clevedon FAC2	2-1
Dec 5	Langford FAC3	1-2
Dec 12	Forest Green	1-2
Jan 16	Cardiff City	0-3
Jan 23	Launton	7-1
Jan 30	Clevedon	0-4
Feb 6	Reading Royals	1-3
Feb 13	Reading	3-3
Feb 20	Chesham	1-4
Feb 27	Keynsham	1-3
Mar 6	Cardiff City	1-6
Mar 16	Oxford City	3-1
Mar 20	Launton	5-1
Mar 25	Plymouth	1-4
Apr 3	Plymouth	2-4
Apr 10	Oxford City	A
Apr 17	Newton Abbot	A

South West Combination Table 04.04.05

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
R. Royals	17	16	1	0	79	14	49
Chesham	17	12	2	3	54	22	38
Keynsham	15	11	1	3	59	35	34
Cardiff	12	9	1	2	57	12	28
Clevedon	15	8	1	6	37	17	25
Plymouth	14	7	1	6	48	36	22
Swindon	20	7	1	12	45	55	22
Oxford	16	6	1	9	41	60	19
F. Green	17	5	2	10	37	46	17
N. Abbot	13	5	2	6	19	22	17
Launton	18	2	0	16	21	105	6
Reading	18	1	1	16	25	98	4

Pilgrims Take Points

The Town Ladies have suffered two defeats by Plymouth Argyle in the space of a week and have dropped to seventh place in the South West Combination League.

The Town entertained Plymouth Argyle on Good Friday and fell behind to three first half goals. The Town had a better second half and pulled Catherine Reid pulled a goal back before Argyle got their fourth. The Town then travelled down the M5 to face Plymouth again. Argyle went ahead mid way through the first half and scored a second in the 42nd minute. Catherine Reid

immediately reduced the arrears but Plymouth scored a third all in the three minutes before half time. After the break the Town started to have a good spell but fell further behind before Catherine Reid scored a second for the Town. These were two disappointing Town performances against a team who will finish mid-table.

The Town Reserves continued their good run by beating Wootton Bassett Town by five goals to nil in the Wiltshire County League. April Poulden scored two and Louise Corcoran, Pam Ashman and Carly Smith all found the net. The win

should secure the Town a top two place and must claim four points from six to take the title and promotion to the South West Regional League

Tomorrow the Town travel to face Newton Abbot in their final South West Combination League game of the season. The Town beat the Devon side by three goals to nil when they met at Aldbourne back in October. Both sides have lost any chance of winning the league this season and neither are in danger of filling one of the two drop spots. Reading have already been relegated and if Forest Green Rovers pick up one more point then Launton will follow them after just one season in the Combination League. The Town Reserves playing are away to Clevedon Town Reserves tonight. Clevedon are the only team that can prevent the Town from taking the title. The Town are without a fixture on Sunday.

one2one Kim Reeves

Age: 27
Home Town: Swindon
Occupation: Sports Masseur
Position: Midfielder
Previous Teams: Swindon Spitfires, Valley Wanderers (New Zealand)

How did you start playing football?

"I used to kick about with my Dad then joined Coleview girls team."

Favourite Team: Swindon Town
Favourite Player: Matt Heywood
Favourite TV Program: Little Britain
Favourite Film: Love, Honour & Obey
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The price of each ticket includes a three course dinner plus coffee and mints.

We expect both these evenings to be 'sell outs' and tickets to go fast. We are now taking bookings for both nights. Tables of ten are **£525 plus VAT**, Tables of twelve are **£575 plus VAT** and individual tickets are available at **£59 plus VAT**.

If you would like to **book your places now**, please call Sarah Mildenhall on **01793 333718** or email **mike@swindontownfc.co.uk**

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Course Update



Hello and welcome to this evening's game against local rivals Bristol City.

This week has seen the return of the Soccer Centres after a two-week break over the Easter period. Hopefully the children have not had too many Easter eggs and will be fit and raring to go!

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all the new children on board and a special mention to the children attending our new soccer centres on a Wednesday and Thursday at Dorcan Sports Centre.

Ex-Swindon Town player Fitzroy Simpson will be coaching at the centre on a Thursday with Kevin Halliday (another former Swindon Town player)

and Adam Greaney taking charge of the Wednesday session.

I would like to say a big hello to all the children at Ruskin Junior School (pictured below) who have been doing a lot of coaching with recently, which has seen some of the children enrolling on the Dorcan Soccer Centre and the opening of an After School Club.

Just a reminder now to all the parents that we do have spaces at various centres around the region which are listed on the right hand side of this page.

For further information please do not hesitate to call me on 01793 617718.

Enjoy the game.

Shane Hewlett



Link Centre (Swindon Borough)

Monday:	4.30-5.30	5-6yrs
	5.30-6.30	8-11yrs
Thursday:	4.30-5.30	5 yrs
	5.30-6.30	7-8yrs

Oasis (Swindon Borough)

Monday:	5.00-6.00	8-11yrs
Monday:	4.30-5.30	5-8yrs
Saturday:	10.00-11.00	5-8yrs

Highworth (Swindon Borough)

Tuesday:	4.00-5.00	5-6yrs
	5.00-6.00	7-8yrs
Thursday:	4.00-5.00	5-6yrs
	5.00-6.00	8-11yrs

Haydon Centre (Swindon Borough)

Thursday:	4.00-5.00	5-6yrs
	5.00-6.00	7-8yrs
	6.00-7.00	9-11yrs

Stratton

Monday:	3.30-4.30	6-7yrs
	4.30-5.30	9-11yrs
Tuesday:	3.30-4.30	5-6yrs
	4.30-5.30	9-10yrs
Wednesday:	3.30-4.30	7-8yrs
	4.30-5.30	8-9yrs
Friday:	3.30-4.30	5-6yrs

Marlborough

Wednesday:	3.30-4.00	5-7yrs
	4.00-5.00	7-9yrs
	5.00-6.00	9-11yrs

Ridgeway

Wednesday:	5.00-6.00	5-7yrs
	6.00-7.00	8-11yrs

Bampton

Friday:	5.00-6.00	7-9yrs
	6.00-7.00	10-11yrs

Tidworth

Friday:	4.00-5.00	5-8yrs
	5.00-6.00	8-11yrs

Croft (Swindon Borough)

Saturday:	9.00-10.00	5-7yrs
	10.00-11.00	5-7yrs

Dorcan (Swindon Borough)

Wednesday:	5.00-5.45	4-5yrs
Thursday:	5.00-6.00	8-11yrs

Chippenham

Friday:	4.30-5.30	5-8yrs
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MatchAction



Coca-Cola League One

Saturday 2nd April 2005
Victoria Park, 3:00pm

Hartlepool (1) **3**

Swindon (0) **0**

Attendance: 4,936

Hartlepool



(blue & white shirts, white shorts)

- 1. Jim Provett
- 5. Michael Nelson
- 6. Chris Westwood
- 8. Ritchie Humphreys **1**
- 10. Adam Boyd
- 14. Joel Porter **1**
- 15. Antony Sweeney
- 17. Ben Clark
- 18. Matty Robson
- 22. Darren Craddock
- 32. Thomas Butler **1**

Subs Used

- 16. Jon Daly (32)
- 3. Hugh Robertson (14)

Subs Not Used

- 21. D. Konstantopoulos
- 11. Gavin Strachan
- 42. Steve Howey

Swindon



(red shirts, red shorts)

- 1. Rhys Evans
- 2. Sean O'Hanlon
- 3. Grant Smith
- 4. Matt Hewlett
- 7. Sammy Igoe
- 9. Sam Parkin
- 10. Stef Miglioranzi
- 11. David Duke
- 12. Jerel Ifil
- 14. Christian Roberts
- 19. Matt Heywood

Subs Used

- 8. Rory Fallon (14)
- 17. Brian Howard (4)
- 22. Michael Pook (11)

Subs Not Used

- 20. Steve Book
- 18. Alan Reeves



Photos: Frank Row, Hartlepool Mail



Football in the Community

Easter Fun



Hello and welcome to The County Ground for the visit of our local rivals Bristol City.

The Easter period was a fantastic but difficult time, particularly with the inclement weather for this time of year. The downpours of rain certainly didn't dampen the spirits of the 400 children we coached here at the football club and the 100 we coached at Chippenham, on the last day of the school holidays. A big thank you must go to our coaches who again did a fantastic

job, putting the children through their paces and teaching them new skills. The biggest emphasis for Jon and I is that the children come to enjoy themselves, make new friends and return home with big smiles on their faces.

What made it extra special for us was the appearance of Stefani Miglioranzi, Matt Heywood and 'Super Sammy Parkin who gave up their time to hand out the children's goodie bags on the final day of the course. It really puts

the icing on the cake for us and the children when we have the support of the players.

Tonight we have some very special guests who are Grange Junior School, who have come along with Andy Drury and Mike Barrett. The boys have managed to get to the national final of The Sainsbury's seven-a-side Under 11 Schools Cup. The lads have done exceptionally well to get to this stage and will now make the trip to Keele University on June 18th, where they will compete for

the mantle of national champions. We would like to say a very well done as well as wishing the boys all the best for the finals. The team will be appearing tonight at half-time and I would ask you all to show your appreciation for their efforts.

Their names are: Ross Gillett, Ben Karn, Ben Mapson, Alex Rowe, Darren Jefferies, Luke Simmons, Sam Brown, Calum McKenna and Tom East.

Enjoy the game,
Clive and Jon.



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Pictured here are Bromham Under 9's who attended Saturday's match with Walsall, as part of the Saturday Team Club



Sam Parkin at one of our recent courses...



Ability Counts take part in Chelsea Tournament

The tournament was staged by Chelsea Football in the Community and held at Feltham Community College on Sunday 20th March.

"Luke and myself attended the festival which was played in a fantastic spirit from all over the south of England, with various disabilities. Our Ability Counts Group - The Mitchell McArthey Soccer Centre - represented us as STFC on a lovely spring day.

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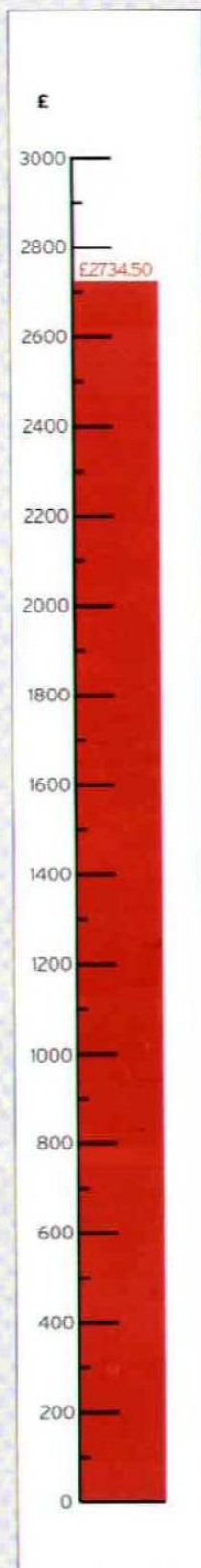
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Half-Time Draw

We will update the winners from Walsall and tonight's match in our next programme notes.

A quick reminder to our members that the final draw of the season at the match against Chesterfield will once again be a mega-draw and as well as the usual cash prize there are guaranteed prizes of:

- a season ticket
- a new first team shirt.

Our draw at the last league match of last season paid a record cash prize of £1,050 and if each of our members could sell the 10 tickets sent with the recent newsletter, we would be guaranteed to smash that record out of sight. Your help in this way would be greatly appreciated.

Once sold the tickets and money can be returned by post, to us, at the County Ground or handed in on a match day to the away travel office or any of our regular ticket sellers. If you want more tickets to sell for this draw, then please ask for Roger Bunce or ring him on 01865 820499.

Newsletter

The latest newsletter has been sent to members and includes voting forms for this season's Player of the Year award and the following additional details.

Awards Dinner

The Player of the Year Awards dinner takes place on Wednesday 4th May in the Winners lounge 7.30 for 8.00 pm. The cost is £17.50 and a deposit of £5 per person is required on booking, with the balance due by Friday 29th April. The four-course meal will include a vegetarian option.

Non-members are welcome to attend. Please contact Ann Alder, either at the away travel office or by phone on 01793 825935, to enquire about availability. Alternatively, contact any other committee member.

Scoreboard

We were desperately disappointed and sorry for fans that high winds prevented the planned recent installation, but will persevere to get it in place just as soon as possible.

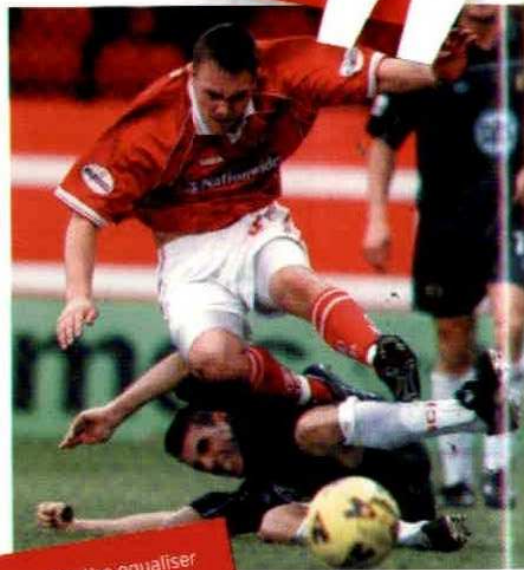


"I got the ball on my chest, it's popped up nicely and I thought I'd go for it. When you hit a ball, you know it's either a good connection that has a chance of doing something or it's a bad one. When I hit this one, I felt it was a nice, clean shot."

"I looked back to see the keeper scrambling and the ball's in the back of the net. It was a great goal and I'm very happy with it. I haven't scored one like that before and for it to come in a derby game in front of all those people just adds to it really. Sometimes you have to take a chance, I did, and it paid off."

Looking Back

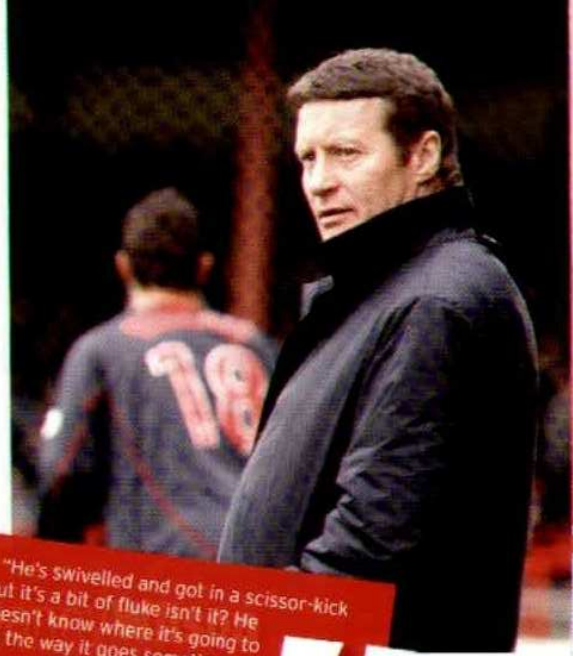
We take a look at Town vs. City clashes over the past few seasons...



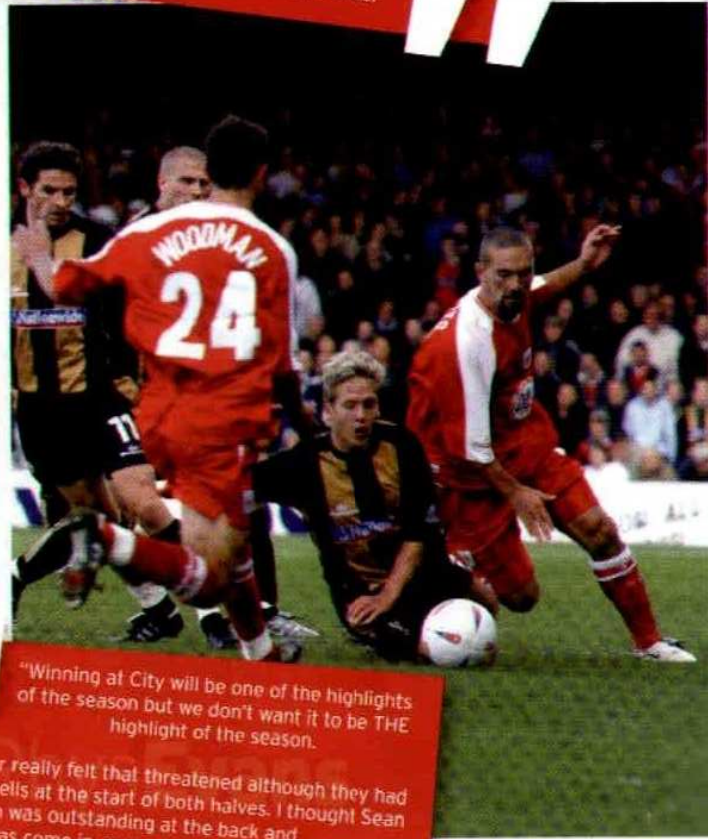
"A goal of the like that brought the equaliser probably hasn't been seen in a long time. I don't think I've seen as good a goal as that, ever. I'd give it that acclaim. Rory's chested it down between 15 people and produced an overhead kick from outside the box."

"It was an unbelievable opportunist goal from a striker. He created it himself and the finish was magnificent."





"He's swivelled and got in a scissor-kick but it's a bit of fluke isn't it? He doesn't know where it's going to go. But that's the way it goes sometimes."



"Winning at City will be one of the highlights of the season but we don't want it to be THE highlight of the season."

"We never really felt that threatened although they had decent spells at the start of both halves. I thought Sean O'Hanion was outstanding at the back and Darius has come in, scored two goals and looks a real hustler and buster."



Last 5 Years

2004/05

30.11.04 Swindon 1-0 Bristol City (av)
21.08.04 Bristol City 1-2 Swindon

2003/04

10.04.04 Swindon 1-1 Bristol City
04.10.03 Bristol City 2-1 Swindon

2002/03

19.03.03 Swindon 1-1 Bristol City
19.10.02 Bristol City 2-0 Swindon

2001/02

13.01.02 Swindon 1-2 Bristol City
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10.02.01 Swindon 1-1 Bristol City
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Overall Record vs. Bristol City

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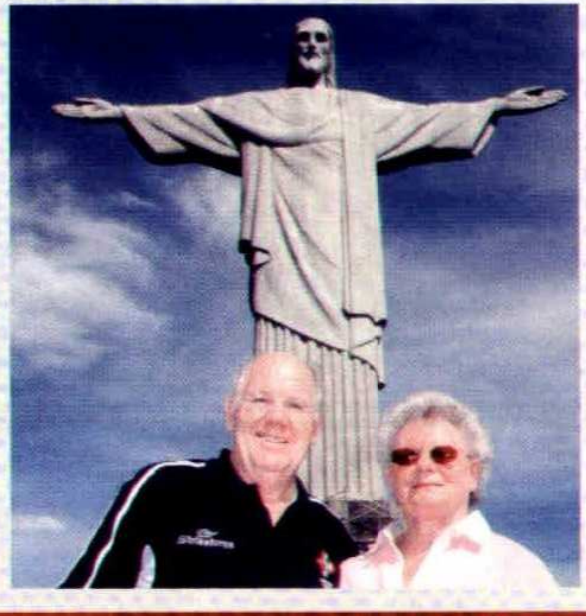
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STFC Photo Gallery

Rio Reds

George and Brenda Chadwick are seen here in front of The Statue of Cristo Redentor, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil during a recent holiday. George and Brenda have been connected with STFC for many years and assist with the Junior Robins on matchdays.



Coca-Cola Fan Band

Have you seen the new 'Coca-Cola' TV ad campaign featuring real football fans from across the UK?

The advert, which was shot on location at Football League matches across England, features a specially formed band called The 'Coca-Cola' Fan Band serenading fans with a song that celebrates their role as 'the best thing in football'.

The 'Coca-Cola' Fan band, are seen performing on match days to fans from Sunderland, West Ham United, Doncaster Rovers, Bristol City, Tranmere Rovers, Bournemouth, Rushden & Diamonds, Luton Town, Boston Utd, Oldham Athletic, Grimsby Town and Huddersfield Town.

The song, which was specially adapted from "The Real Thing" for the ad, is a joyful tribute to the loyalty and tireless support of the fans for their teams. It recognises the optimism and stoicism of the fans that turn up come rain or shine to support their clubs week after week.

As the band launches into impromptu performances of the 'Real Fans' song, the fans expressions change from bemusement to amusement as they begin to hear the words of the song and realise that the band is paying tribute to them! The chorus of the song, "You're the real fans, you're the best thing in football," sums up the sentiment of the ad campaign. Further lyrics such as "the ref is blind"

and "the dodgy pies are three weeks old," will be something that all real fans have come to recognise as much part of the game as the goals.

"Band" celebrates what inspires consumers to feel optimistic and passionate about life and how they feel and interact with others. The ad sees Coca-Cola salute the fans as crucial members of football clubs and recognises the heart of fans' passion for the game and celebrates their relentless optimism and dedication for their club.

The ad is the latest initiative from Coca-Cola

to enhance the Football League experience for fans and clubs alike. In addition to the ad, Coca-Cola is running the £1m Goal Chase, challenging the 72 Football League clubs to score 4,500 goals this season, and the 'Win a Player' promotion that offers fans the chance to win £250,000 for their club. The 'Win A Player' promotion has been hailed by Football League Chairman Sir Brian Mawhinney as "another great Coca-Cola idea, it shows that our partnership is going from strength to strength. Lots of supporters are going to want to win this prize."



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JUNIOR ROBINS



Welcome to all the Junior Robins here this evening and also to our visiting Juniors from Bristol City.

We had a great time in Bristol back in August last year and we were made to feel very welcome by our hosts. We also celebrated three points so let's hope we can have a repeat performance tonight.

Junior Robins Membership for this season will expire at the end of July and I am very pleased to announce that the prices are fixed for next season at a very reasonable £15 (no increase on this year!). If you have a Junior Season Ticket for 2005/06

you will automatically become a Junior Robin and be eligible for all the benefits on offer.

These include, meet the players night, a goodie bag, Christmas Disco, reciprocal visits to certain away games, a chance to be a mascot at away games and much, much more.

Having had one season's experience under my belt, I'd like to thank you all for the words of encouragement that I've received this season and hope that my next year in the job will be as enjoyable as the last one.

Finally, for those of you who weren't at Saturday's game with Walsall or didn't purchase



a programme, we are running a competition to win a mascot package for the last home game of the season against Chesterfield. There are some word searches located in the main reception in the Arkells Stand. All you have to do is find the listed player who is missing from the grid, write your answer,

name, address and telephone number on a piece of paper and return to me. All correct entries will go into a draw for this fantastic prize.

GOOD LUCK and enjoy the game this evening.

Andrea Garratt
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- Mini Patisserie

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All prices are exclusive of VAT, which will be charge at the current rate



For more details please call Chris Abrook on
01793 333715 or visit www.swindontownfc.co.uk

Oh What Fun it is to see Swindon win Away...

... at Hull City, Saturday 16th April, K.C. Stadium

Words: Richard Keast

Like most of you, this will be my first trip to the KC Stadium so once again I have to thank www.footballgroundguide.co.uk for the info provided. Here's what it says:

Getting there:

By car: Leave the M62 at Junction 38 and join the A63, towards Hull. Stay on the A63 and the stadium is clearly signposted (KC Stadium) as you approach Hull. About one mile from the centre of Hull leave the A63 (also signposted for the Hull Royal Infirmary) and take the 2nd exit at the roundabout. Turn left at the lights and then over the flyover, right at the next lights and the ground is down on the right.

Pubs:

There are a number of pubs within a few

minutes walk of the stadium, but these are all designated as being for home supporters only. Most local fans still seem to be heading for pubs situated around Boothferry Park. These are best avoided by away fans particularly the Silver Cod and 'Admiral of the Humber' pubs. Alcohol is served within the ground (£2.50 a pint), otherwise you can head for the nearby City Centre, where there are plenty of pubs to be found. David Jenkin a visiting Exeter fan recommends; the **Sandringham** pub, near to Hull main station, in the City Centre.

Ground:

The stadium is totally enclosed, with the West Stand being around twice the size of the

other three sides. The roof rises up and curves around the West Stand, giving the stadium an interesting look. Inside the curves continue as each of the stands slightly bow around the playing area, drawing the eye to sweep panoramically around them. Each stand is single tiered, apart from the two tiered West Stand. This stand also has a row of executive boxes running across its middle. There is an electric scoreboard at the North End of the stadium, where the Police Control Box is also situated. The pitch looked in excellent condition on my visit in January, plus it has had under soil heating installed. The p.a. system within the stadium is also excellent. All told this a stadium that would not look out of place in the Premiership.

Fave Game:

This would have to be the one at Boothferry Park on the first day of the 95-96 Championship season when we won 1-0 thanks to a Steve Finney diving header right in front of the away fans. I knew then that we would have a good season and that's just how it turned out.



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Coming Up...

STFC vs. Hull City

Saturday 16th April, KO 3:00pm

at KC Stadium

Covered Seating...

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STFC vs. Tranmere Rovers

Saturday 23rd April, KO 3:00pm

at The County Ground

Tickets are now on sale from the ticket office...



STFC vs. Huddersfield Town

Saturday 30th April, KO 3:00pm

at Galpharm Stadium

All tickets are pay on the day...

Prices

Adult £16

OAP (over 60) £8

Child (under 16) £5

Wheelchair & Helper £10



STFC vs. Chesterfield

Saturday 7th May, KO 3:00pm

at The County Ground

Tickets are now on sale from the ticket office...



UpNext...

Gazette & Herald

Dave Wallis of the Gazette and Herald previews the next visitors to The County Ground...



 **LEAGUE 1**

Saturday 23rd April 2005
KickOff 3.00pm

Tranmere were amongst the favourites for promotion at the beginning of the League One season and the penultimate County Ground match of the campaign could see Rovers visit the Wiltshire with a top six place already secure.

Manager Brian Little replaced Ray Mathias in October 2003 and Rovers' League position improved from 21st to 8th by the season's close. That's some turnaround and performances this season have justified supporters' optimism.

Never lower than eighth, Rovers 2-1 win at Sheffield Wednesday at the beginning of the month lifted the



club up to third place on 72 points. The win followed success at fellow promotion rivals Hartlepool the previous month in another six-pointer. Automatic promotion might now be the preserve of Luton and Hull, but Tranmere have all but secured their play-off place.

Away from home, Rovers' record looks formidable. Currently with eight wins and just four defeats, Little's team have now gone eight away games

without loss. Town have a tough battle on their hands.

A cosmopolitan collection of players lead the scoring chart, with Canadian full-cap Iain Hume on 16, Jamaican international Paul Hall on 11 while last year's top scorer, Ivory Coast-born Eugene Dadi is on nine. Worryingly all three are currently hot in front of goal. Over the ten games leading up to the beginning of April, each had scored four times.

Ex-Liverpool and

England midfielder Jason McAteer can be found running the midfield, and last year's Player of the Year, keeper John Achterberg, almost ever-present last season, has carried on from where he left off.

Town lost 2-1 at Prenton Park earlier in the season when a rare David Duke goal wasn't enough to claim any of the points. There's football left in this season yet. April 23rd could still be important to either team.



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STFC PREVIOUS LINE-UP

Swindon Town 1-2 Walsall
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Brentford 1-0 Bristol City
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Tonight's Other Fixtures

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Bradford PA vs Hinckley Utd

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